

NorCal Chapter

American Marquetry Society

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NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting

- **When:** Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- **What:** Monthly Meeting
- **Where:** The Sawdust Shop Santa Clara
- **Who:** Everyone – guests welcome.

Update your 2014 calendar with future meetings

- **Saturday Workshops: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Ken and Linda's shop in Morgan Hill)**
Apr 26, Jul 26, Oct 25
- **Tuesday Meetings: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (The Sawdust Shop, Santa Clara)**
Feb 18, Mar 18, May 20, Jun 17, Aug 19, Sep 16, Nov 18.
- **Christmas Party: December. Date to be determined.**

- **FEBRUARY PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE :** at our next meeting – A Finished Paper Clip Box.
Please note: Finished means sanded, varnished, ended, done, complete, over and through. Unfinished means incomplete, raw, uncompleted, nearly done, just about done, partial, in progress or half done. Anyone who brings in a FINISHED (see above for definition) Paper Clip Box will be eligible for the President's Challenge Drawing. We will draw three names. The three winners may choose from:
 - A \$20 Gift Certificate from Woodcraft in San Carlos.
 - A Steel Square (8" x 12")
 - A pack of Colored Veneer

Also all entries will have a picture of their Box appear in our Chapter Newsletter along with the caption "Made By (your name here, whoopee)."

- **February Meeting Show and Tell** – As usual, we will have our normal Show-and-Tell. Names here will go into a hat and Linda will pull out one name. The prize will be a nice pack of veneer from Bob Shultz's collection. Note: Paper Clip Boxes will not be eligible for this drawing.
- **Program for the Feb. 18 meeting:** Ken will demonstrate how to cut 'fur' using the Window method of marquetry. This method can be used for animal (cat, dog, wolf etc.) outlines. You can participate or just watch. If you want to join in, bring: X-acto knife, cutting mat, small 6-8-in. straight edge (for cutting not

measuring), app tape, blue tape, a small bottle of PVA Glue and three pieces of veneer. The veneers should be about 8" x 8" and be dark, medium and light colored.

Ken will bring the pattern and instructions.

- **Special Note:** Our Chapter Newsletter editor, Laura Mulligan, will be gone for three months and we need an interim Editor. Anyone with a little time to spare can really help us here. Talk to Laura or Ken. And Thank You.
- **January Workshop :** This was our all day Saturday Workshop meeting at the Horner's home and shop in Morgan Hill with 10 members attending. After coffee and donuts, Ken explained what the project, a Paper Clip Box, would entail. The blocks were resawn, drilled, sanded and ready to have the top glued on by noon. Linda went for pizza and after lunch we had Show-and-Tell. Linda made up prizes from Bob Shultz's donations and the winners were John Wilson, Andrew Reynolds and Ken Horner. By 3:00 pm most everyone had completed the box and some even had their marquetry glued to the top. We discussed possible Projects for the April Workshop.
- **Donation from Bob:** Bob Shultz's wife Carol gave the Chapter some of Bob's books, magazines and veneer. Bob had asked that this be done. Ken said that the books will go into our Library (Hint - we still need a Librarian), the magazines and the veneer will be given out as drawings at each meeting to those who brought in a marquetry project.
- **Chapter Newsletter Editor:** Laura Mulligan is our new editor. Send submissions to: mugs88@gmail.com
- **Webmaster:** Andrew Reynolds is Chapter and National webmaster – (408) 971-6343. We're always looking for good pictures of your work to put in the picture gallery. Send submissions to: areynoldsre@gmail.com

Volunteer

- **Library Custodian:** Ken is looking for someone who is willing to manage the library. This group of books, video tapes and DVD's is a very valuable asset that is not being utilized by the membership. Let Ken know if you can help here.

National and Local Membership

- **Membership & Dues:** Ken Horner reported that there are now 43 members of the AMS located in Northern California who live close enough to attend Chapter meetings and 37 have renewed for 2014. We have 21 who have paid local Chapter dues. Our dues allow us to add to our Library, pay for our Christmas party and Summer picnic, buy prizes, etc. Remember that you may now get a discount for multi-year membership renewal. One year renewal is \$25, two year renewal is \$45 and three year renewal is \$60. Also, remember that family membership is the same cost as a single membership. Just put both names on the Name Line, such as "John and Jane Doe". You'll both be members of the AMS but receive only one copy of the AMS magazine.
- **If Are Not A Member:** If you are not a member and want to attend one of our Saturday workshops, it's easy; join the AMS and the local Chapter. Total cost for the AMS and local chapter is \$30 for one year, \$50 for two years and \$65 for three years. You also will get the AMS Magazine plus a great Pattern Catalog. The four Saturday workshops during the year are a great way to practice hands-on marquetry and general wood craft. You can join by bringing your checkbook to a Tuesday night meeting or to one of the Saturday meetings.

Treasury Report:

- **The balance is ~\$204:** This includes 21 members who have paid \$10 for 2014. Money in the treasury is collected via our local dues. Recent expenses have been for workshop materials, food, drinks .

Meetings:

- **Members:** We meet on the 4th Saturday of January followed by the 3rd Tuesday evening for February and March. This rotating schedule continues throughout the year. Nighttime meetings are regularly held at The Sawdust Shop in Santa Clara unless otherwise announced.
- **Guests:** Guests are welcome at all Tuesday meetings. However, only members may attend the Saturday workshops.

Discounts Available to AMS Members:

- **Certainly Wood:** (<http://www.certainlywood.com>)
Special member price is \$35 instead of the usual \$40 price for the Marquetry Veneer package. The special handling charge plus shipping fees are approximately \$25. The total of about \$60 for this package is still a very good buy. The 100 sq. ft. Marquetry package changes each time they make them since all the veneer that is included comes from ends of flitches. They try to provide a wide range of color, grain and figure in the packages and the sizes range from 4" to 8" wide by 12" to 30" long.
- **Sauer's Veneers** has made a special veneer package available. \$30 incl. shipping for 40 pieces of veneer. Ken showed this at the Workshop and six members purchased a package.

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Sawdust Shop directions: Address is 320 Martin Ave., Santa Clara, 95050. Phone is (408) 992-1004. URL is <http://www.thesawdustshop.com/>. From Hwy. 101 take De La Cruz. Go west past Central Expy. to Martin. Turn left on Martin and just past Reed is 320.

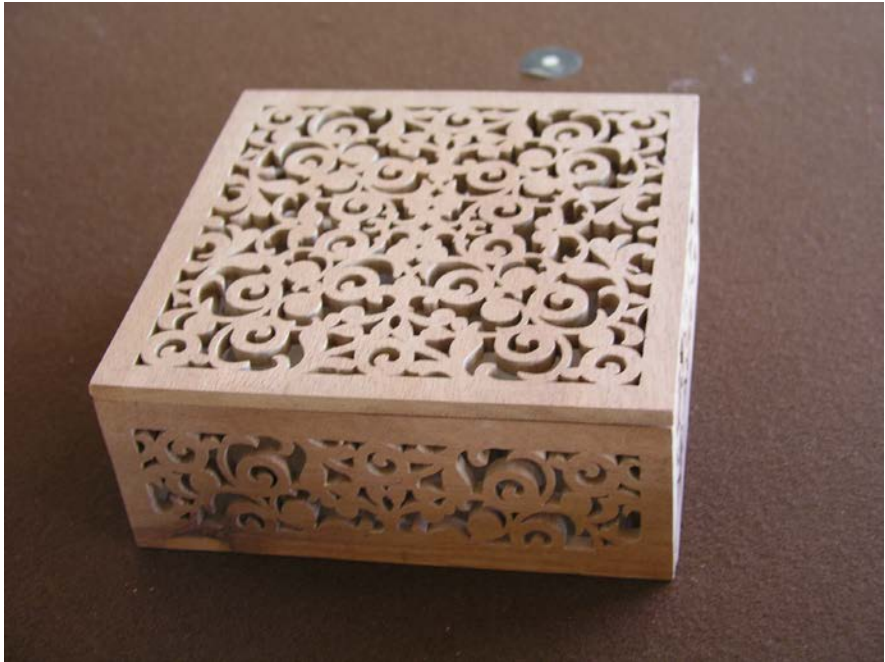
Ken & Linda's House directions: Hwy 101 south. Exit Bailey Ave. Turn right on Monterey access road. Go south on Monterey to Palm (2.5 mi.) Make U-turn and come back 1.7 mi. to Koyanagi. Turn right and then right on Ruth Lane. Address is 9598 Ruth Lane. The shop is around back.

JANUARY WORKSHOP PROJECT

This Paperclip Box was the January Workshop Project. Looking forward to seeing everyone's finished projects at the February meeting. Linda will make up some great packages to give away during the Show-and-Tell drawings.



Show and Tell Photos



Intricate Scroll saw and Marquetry Box – Andrew Reynolds



Cabinet with Marquetry – John Wilson



Mountainscape Box – Ken Horner